

In Honor of Mother's Day ... Support Healthy Babies and Healthy Mothers

Cosponsor "The United States Commitment to Global Child Survival Act"

May 10, 2007

Dear Colleague:

In honor of Mother's Day, we are distributing the attached report from Save the Children: ***State of the World's Mothers 2007***. This report shows which countries are succeeding – and which are failing – to save the lives of mothers and children. It examines the vital investments in health and nutrition services that can keep children healthy, families whole and communities strong.

U.S. leadership is essential to save millions of newborns and young children who die needlessly every year. To confront this challenge, **please join us as cosponsors** of ***The United States Commitment to Global Child Survival Act*** to strengthen our nation's leadership in saving newborns, young children and mothers in the world's poorest countries.

Every year, 10.1 million children under the age of 5 die, more than 28,000 children every day, the majority from treatable and preventable causes like pneumonia, diarrhea and malnutrition. Over 6 million of these young lives could be saved with low-cost, effective treatments such as vitamins, antibiotics and vaccines.



This bill, *The United States Commitment to Global Child Survival Act* will:

- Invest in proven, low-cost, highly effective life-saving interventions that will save the lives of newborns, children under 5 and their mothers in 60 poor countries.
- Develop a USG integrated strategy for reducing child and maternal mortality.
- Establish a USG Child Survival Task Force to maximize U.S. ability to leverage investments to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (Goals 4 and 5) of reducing child mortality by two-thirds and reducing maternal mortality by three-quarters.
- Increase authorized funding for child survival and maternal health programs to help save the lives of tens of thousands of newborns, children and mothers.

Please contact Nina Schwartz with Rep. McCollum at Nina.Schwartz@mail.house.gov or Jordan Press with Rep. Shays at Jordan.Press@mail.house.gov at for more information or to become a cosponsor of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Shays".

Christopher Shays
Member of Congress

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